

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 18, 2021

PLANNING

General Plan Update Phase 2 –The virtual community workshop devoted to the Smart and Sustainable Corridors Plan (SSCSP) was held on Saturday, March 13 and was attended by 92 community members. The workshop provided an overview of the SSCSP, highlighted existing conditions within the planning area, and solicited community input on a range of topics, including land use, urban design, mobility, and the preservation and enhancement of adjacent neighborhoods. A summary of participant input will be posted to the project webpage within the next two weeks.

Over the past two months, the project team has made efforts to engage the City's Spanish-speaking community. A survey in Spanish, provided both online and in hard copy, has been widely distributed with the help of Neighborhood Services, Library Services, community-based organizations, and local businesses. To date, approximately 120 survey responses have been received.

South Morro Hills Community Plan- On Monday, March 22, 2021, the Planning Commission will conduct a Workshop (discussion item) to provide comment on the Draft Policy Framework for the South Morro Hills Community Plan. The Community Plan Policy Framework consists of a visioning statement, guiding principles, and key strategies that will guide the preparation of the Community Plan. A City Council workshop is scheduled for April 28, 2021 to consider the Draft Policy Framework.

Carmax – The project will be presented at the April 19 Planning Commission meeting.

Cannabis Update - Buddiez Manufacturing and Distribution was presented to the Planning Commission on March 8; the Planning Commission voted 7-0 recommending approval to the City Council. Planning Commission also heard the Municipal Code Cannabis Facilities project on March 8 and voted 7-0 recommending approval to the City Council. Left Coast (cannabis distributor) and Buddiez will be presented to the City Council on April 7.

Brother Benno's Standing Committee – The Brother Benno's Conditional Use Permit revision was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on March 8, 2021. Commissioner Goodkind made an initial motion to approve staff's proposal with a revision to omit Condition 39 relating to the establishment of an ID database for users of the facility. Commissioner Krahel seconded Goodkind's motion and the vote was 2-5 in denial of the motion with Commissioners Morrissey, Balm, Custer and Rosales recorded as no votes. Commissioner Krahel made a subsequent motion to accept staff's recommendation and Commissioner Balma offered a second to support the motion with a proposal that Condition 36 (related to the formation of a Brother Bennos Planning Commission Standing Committee) be revised to have staff provide a metric/data report regarding condition compliance to the Standing Committee on a six-month basis or as directed by the committee, rather than an annual review. The motion, along with Commissioner Balma's recommendation, was approved 6-1 with Commissioner Goodkind recorded as a no vote. Staff will provide the resolution for Chairman Rosales' signature at the March 22 Planning Commission meeting. Staff will also inform the Commission that the six-month compliance report will be provided to the Standing Committee in September of 2021.

Listed below are the discussion items that the Planning Commission will review at its meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Work Shop – South Morro Hills Framework for Community Plan

- a) Staff presentation by Rob Dmohowski, Senior Planner
- b) Public comments
- c) Discussion and comments by Planning Commission – No action will be taken by the Commission; Staff will forward a summary of Commission comments to the Council

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center - The project is in the final stages of completion.

Quiet Zone Update – The 21-day countdown, the Notice of Establishment, which is the last Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) procedure to start the Quiet Zone, will be issued to all railroad stakeholders when the pending FRA Risk Index calculation receives approval, which is anticipated within two weeks.

Road Overlay Project – Road Work on Mission Avenue between I-5 and Clementine Street commenced March 15, 2021 and is anticipated to last until mid-May 2021. Pedestrian ramp improvements at Mission and Pirates Cove are occurring this week.



PUBLIC WORKS

Harbor Minor Improvements - Work has started on a project to replace the deteriorating sidewalk and railing from the Helgrens kiosk to the Sea Center. In addition, there are several trees, light poles and signs that restrict the movement of pedestrian traffic and will be either trimmed or relocated. All ADA access points will be upgraded to current code. The railing will also be replaced with a modern design that has been used with other Harbor projects.



College Boulevard Repairs –Next week, Public Works staff will make repairs to College Boulevard. Roadway repairs will be made to the #1 northbound lane from Chroma Drive to Silver Bluff Drive.

WATER UTILITIES

Community Choice Energy Update - The City's Community Choice Energy (CCE) consulting team has received Oceanside's current energy load data from SDG&E to begin updating the 2019 Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study. Staff held a kickoff meeting with the consultant team on March 10 to discuss the timeline for completion of the study update and assumptions to be included in the financial forecast. The update will validate the original CCE startup cost estimates from the 2019 study to examine the benefits and risks of multiple CCE membership scenarios, such as joining one of the two existing CCEs in the County, or joining in the formation of a new CCE with the County of San Diego and Highway 78 corridor cities. In each scenario, pro forma financial forecasts will be updated based on the new load and rate data for each of the three power supply portfolios in the 2019 study. These include the SDG&E equivalent Renewable Portfolio Standard, 50% renewable supply at CCE launch with 90% renewable by 2030, and a 100% renewable power supply at launch. Staff expect a final update report by late April and anticipate bringing the information to City Council for further direction in June 2020.

Pure Water AWP Construction Update – The Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) continues with the installation of the roof decking, yard piping, site electrical, and modifications in Plant 2. Additionally, the Ultrafiltration (UF) skids, which will ultimately be outfitted with UF membranes by Hydranautics, were moved into place this week.



Photo – UF Skid Construction

Pure Water Injection Well & Monitoring Well Drilling Contract – Construction and testing on IW-1 and IW-6 has been completed. The City authorized construction of IW-3 on Alipaz and provided a notice to proceed to the Contractor. IW-3 construction is anticipated to begin on March 29, 2020. A [mailer](#) was sent to all residents in the Rio Vista neighborhood and a virtual workshop will be held on March 25 for residents. Residents can register for the [workshop here](#). Monitoring Well (MW) construction was completed, except for site restoration, on MW-2 in Fireside Park. Construction of MW-1 and MW-3 along Coco Palms is ongoing. Drilling of the Monitoring Wells will be performed during daylight hours, with sound walls erected around the drilling rig to help mitigate noise.



Photo (left) – Monitoring Well No. 2 – Fireside Park

Photo (right) – Monitoring Well No. 3 Drill Rig & Sound Walls along Coco Palms

Recycled Water (Lower 1) Conveyance Construction Update - Installation of remaining portions of piping and appurtenances continues in Douglas, along with testing of the installed piping. Installation of main piping and appurtenances in Pala Rd. are planned to continue for the next few weeks. Repaving on N. River Rd., Douglas, and a portion of Pala Rd. will occur, pending test results of installed piping.

Rain Barrel Program Complete - The City's Rain Barrel Program, providing free rain barrels to residents in specific areas using Member Agency Administered Funding from the San Diego County Water Authority was completed last week. In total, 300 households received a rain barrel directly shipped to their home, resulting in up to 350,000 gallons in water savings annually. Staff has been directing additional interested customers to the rebate program, which provides a \$35 rebate for purchased rain barrels.

Green Oceanside Mayor's Challenge Kits - Registration now open - Green Oceanside staff released an [e-newsletter](#) and social media post on March 15 announcing the Mayor's Challenge for Sustainability and opportunity for Oceanside residents to register for a "One Planet. Take Action." kit. These free kits include fun and helpful items to help residents complete sustainable actions with their households while earning Oceanside points in the Mayor's Challenge. Kits are being directly mailed to residents' households and are available in English and Spanish (one kit per household, while supplies last). Oceanside residents can register for a Kit at bit.ly/takeactionkit. For more information on the Mayor's Challenge for Sustainability, visit the [Earth Month website](#).



WaterSmart Meter Program- The pilot phase for water meter installation began on March 15 in Cycle 7, the area surrounding MiraCosta College. The contractor is knocking on resident doors and providing a [door tag](#) prior to any work beginning on the resident's property. If the contractor observes that water is running, they will not remove the meter at that time in order to not disrupt any critical activities. Residential customers will have their water turned off for 30 minutes during the meter install. All Cycle 7 customers were mailed a [WaterSmart introduction letter](#), the customers who have registered for the WaterSmart customer portal also received the letter via email. Staff held a virtual workshop on March 9 and a recording is now on [the City's website](#).



One Week Left to Submit A Video for the Earth Month Community Highlight – Community members, businesses, and organizations can submit a video to be featured on Water Utilities' social media accounts and the Green Oceanside website between April 1 - April 30. Those interested in participating may submit a 30 second or less video answering the following question: "How are you or your organization taking action to be sustainable?" Videos must be in high definition (which most smart phone cameras are) at 1920 x 1080 and turned horizontally in landscape mode. The submission deadline has been extended to March 25, and videos may be emailed to GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org.

UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Mar 18** Police & Fire Commission. 4:00 p.m.
- Mar 22** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 23** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- Mar 23** Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.
- Apr 1** Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 6** Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 13** Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Apr 20** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.
- Apr 28** Downtown Advisory Committee Meeting. 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Mar 22** Planning Commission Workshop – South Morro Hills Community Plan Draft Policy Framework. 6:00 p.m. [Details](#)
- Mar 25** Virtual Open House re: Pure Water Oceanside Construction. 4:30 p.m. [Registration](#)
- Apr 13** North County Economic Summit. 9:00 a.m. [Info](#)